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Actor and two-time Grammy award-winner Tia Carrere performs on *Dancing with the Stars*. She'll be in Winnipeg this weekend for the Central Canada Comic Convention. ETHAN MILLER/GETTY IMAGES

# Triple-threat Tia Carrere lands in Winnipeg

**Schwing!** Star of *Wayne's World* and *Relic Hunter* one of many celebrities at the Central Canada Comic Convention

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This part of the world might know Tia Carrere best for her roles on television and the silver screen, but in the Philippines she's also famous for her platinum-selling singing voice.

That's one reason the Grammy award-winning triple-threat (she also dances) is looking forward to meeting fans at this weekend's Central Canada Comic Convention (C4) in Win-

nipeg — which has Canada's highest population of Filipino people.

"I look forward to meeting all my Filipino brothers and sisters," the Hawaiian-born actor of Filipino parents told Metro from Beverly Hills this week.

Carrere, who is best known for her role as Mike Myers' love interest in both *Wayne's World* movies and as Sydney Fox on the syndicated television show *Relic Hunter*, is one of a handful of celebrities who'll be signing autographs and taking questions from fans at C4 2012.

"It's really fun to get out there and meet people that love you and have been with you since the beginning of your career," she said. "Often times the fans remind me of projects that I had completely forgotten about."

One of the projects she's

tackled during her nearly 30-year long career — the movie *Wild Cherry* — was shot right here in Winnipeg, but because filming happened over a couple days in May, Carrere said she doesn't know what to expect from the city's notorious November weather.

"It was great, it was beautiful when I was there, but I understand it's much, much colder right now," said the actor, who is flying to Winnipeg directly from a shoot in San Francisco this week. "I don't know how big of a suitcase I'll need to pack if I'll need freezing cold weather clothes and warm California clothes for the same trip."

Carrere will be keeping warm at C4, which runs Friday to Sunday at the Winnipeg Convention Centre.

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# Celebrities galore at 2012 Central Canada Comic Con

**Geek chic.** Torri Higginson talks about travelling the world to meet fans



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When Canadian actor Torri Higginson returns to Winnipeg to meet fans of her sci-fi roles at this year's Central Canada Comic Con (C4) she says she'll feel safe on city streets.

That's because the star of *Stargate Atlantis* may be one of the only people in Winnipeg to have their bike returned after reporting it stolen.

"I did theatre at MTC (Royal Manitoba Theatre Centre) years ago, and I had a great experience — I love Winnipeg" explained Higginson, who hails from Toronto. "I bought a little kids pink bike from Goodwill and somebody stole it, but the Winnipeg police went and found it.

"Are you kidding me? The cops in Toronto would never do that."

Known to fans of *Stargate SG-1* and *Stargate Atlantis* as Dr. Elizabeth Weir, Higginson, who also played Beth Kittridge

## On the web

Find out more about C4 and the lineup of celebrities in Winnipeg for the weekend at [c4con.com](http://c4con.com).

in William Shatner's *Tekwar* series and movies, will be one of a number of celebrities meeting fans and signing autographs at this weekend's annual celebration of geek culture.

"They're strange and they're wonderful," laughed Higginson of her convention experiences, which have taken her around the world. "It's amazing I've been to New Zealand and Australia and I was in Paris last month, you get to travel the world to meet fans."

After a more than 20-year career in stage, television and film, including a role in 1996's *The English Patient*, Higginson is now dipping her toes in voice-over work in animation, and has also spent the last year writing her own feature film and television series.

"They say as an actor you get frustrated because you're singing someone else's notes," she explained. "I've really had a great joy this past year wearing a writer's hat."



Canadian actor Torri Higginson, star of *Stargate SG-1* and *Stargate Atlantis*, will be one of a number of celebrities on hand to meet fans at this year's Central Canada Comic Con at the Winnipeg Convention Centre Nov. 2-4.

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## Cold enough for ya?

**Weather a worry for Williams**

He may have helped destroy the Death Star and with it the Empire, but the actor who played Lando Calrissian in the Star Wars movies may face his biggest challenge yet when he's in Winnipeg for the 2012 Central Canada Comic Convention this week (C4) — winter.

"How's the weather up there?" asked Billy Dee Williams from his home in sunny California, laughing when the response included the possibility of snow and chilly temperatures. "In other words, I guess I should bring a coat."

Williams, whose more than 40-year career in show business includes an appearance in 1989's *Batman* as district attorney Harvey Dent, is one of many celebrities who'll be at the Winnipeg Convention Centre for C4 Nov. 2-4. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

## 'Peggers take Central Canada Comic Con mainstream

Halloween may be done for another year, but don't hang up your costumes just yet — Central Canada Comic Con (C4) returns this weekend, and you don't want to embarrass yourself as the only one without tights and a cape.

"A lot of people get dressed up, and some of the costumes are amazing," explained Gary Nerman, owner of Nerman's

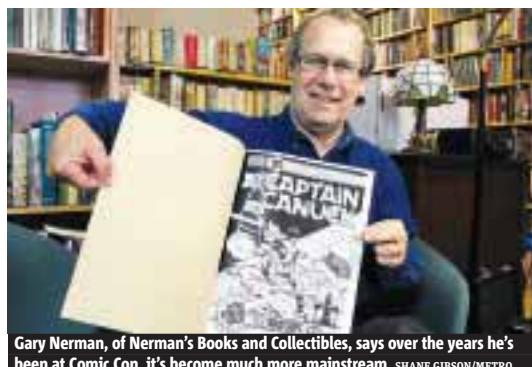
Books and Collectibles, who has been an exhibitor at the annual convention since its second year.

"It's gone from a sub-culture to more of a mainstream culture now," he said.

The convention's website touts C4 as a three-day pop culture event with celebrity guests, comic book artists, exhibitors, costume contests, video rooms,

gaming, and last year more than 20,000 people came out.

While last year's attendance numbers were no doubt bolstered by the celebrity appearance William Shatner, Captain Kirk of the original *Star Trek* series, organizers hope to pack the house again with the star of *Star Trek: The Next Generation*, Sir Patrick Stewart. SHANE GIBSON/METRO



Gary Nerman, of Nerman's Books and Collectibles, says over the years he's been at Comic Con, it's become much more mainstream. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

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## Taxi stand. Dignity launches fleet of new accessible vehicles

Winnipeg's five newest taxicabs are as unique as they look.

Dignity Taxi, which has been handling the city's Handi-Transit program for the last eight years, has hit the streets with brand new MV-1 cabs — the world's first purpose-built accessible vehicles designed especially for wheelchair access.

"It looks like an old English taxi," said Gary Jakeman, operations manager at Dignity Taxi of the new rides. "I'm surprised at the way people turn their heads at it and point — I've even seen pictures of me as I'm just driving down the street."

The MV-1 is different from other wheelchair accessible taxicabs because they come from the factory with a deployable ramp built-in and space for a person in a wheelchair to ride shotgun, with up to four more passengers. Previously vehicles had to be retrofitted for accessibility after production.

Dignity Taxi picked up the vehicles, which cost around



Gary Jakeman, operations manager at Dignity Taxi. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

\$49,000 each, after the Manitoba Taxicab Board took the rare move of issuing the City of Winnipeg five new taxi licences under the condition the vehicles were accessible.

"We can pick most people up within 30 minutes," said Jakeman, adding the company has averaged around 80 fares a day since launching last week. "The response has been great."

While the SUV-like taxies are built for wheelchairs, scooters or those who need assistance getting in and out of the vehicle, the company will pick up anyone who calls for a lift, and the rates are the same as a ride from any company.

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## One dead after crash

Emergency personnel and police were called to a single-vehicle crash on Thursday just after 1 p.m. on Wellington Crescent, where witnesses say one person, thought to be a teen, died. A sheet covered what is presumed to be a body on the road. Four others were taken to hospital in stable to critical condition. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

# Exec policy committee is broken: Swandel



Coun. Justin Swandel is no longer a member of the executive policy committee. BERNICE PONTANILLA/METRO

**See ya.** Councillor says it was his decision to leave the EPC; means he is also no longer deputy mayor



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Dysfunctional, broken and divided is how Coun. Justin Swandel described a powerful city council committee that he has now chosen to walk away from.

On Thursday, Mayor Sam Katz announced a big change for the executive policy committee (EPC), often referred to as Katz's cabinet, with Swandel leaving and Coun. Mike Pagtakhan (Point Douglas) returning as chair of downtown development, heritage and riverbank management.

"I just can't, in good faith, go forward with some of the

### Can't do it no more

"I just can't, in good faith, go forward with some of the actions that are being taken by some of the people on that executive policy committee."

Coun. Justin Swandel

actions that are being taken by some of the people on that executive policy committee," said Swandel.

"I don't want to get into specifics or get into individuals; I just take it back to the whole idea of loyalty and experience and there's a great lack of that right now at EPC."

"Dysfunctional, broken, divided, it's not good. People have to be a lot more patient — you can't be out there overreacting to things. That's where it's at, and I think it's only going to get worse."

Katz said he was saddened when he heard Swandel's desire to leave EPC and thanked him for his years of service.

By exiting EPC, Swandel

also leaves the post of deputy mayor, which now goes to Coun. Russ Wyatt (Transcona).

Wyatt said he doesn't share Swandel's view that EPC is dysfunctional.

"I don't agree, but he's elected as the representative of St. Norbert and I have a lot of respect for what he does in his community, so I believe that it's important to be able to work with all members of council," Wyatt said.

The changes take place on Nov. 7.

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### Analysis

## Ring of truth

Diplomacy has never been Swandel's strong suit, but his comments about experience and loyalty have some truth to them.

EPC certainly used to be much more of an "old boys' club" where the disagreements only took place behind closed doors. Like he noted, there's been a number of new councillors added to the mix in the past few years, and some of them tend to think and act a little more independently at times.

That's not necessarily a bad thing for the city, but it makes it a lot more difficult to move forward with a unified agenda.

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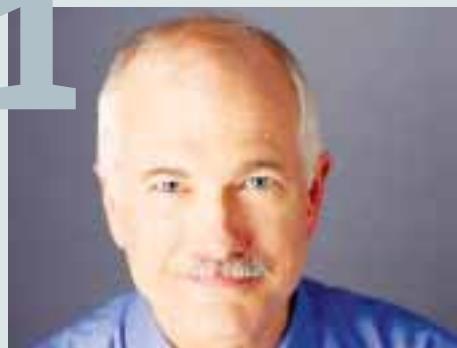
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High Five! In honour of Movember, we've selected five epic moustaches on six mighty men.

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**Jack Layton**

The former leader of Canada's official opposition was famous for many things, but his insistence on wearing a moustache when it wasn't cool and when politicians aren't 'supposed' to have facial hair earns him a spot in 'stache history.

**Charlie Chaplin**

The man was the brightest star of the silent film era, and his moustache, tramp clothing and bowler hat have become cultural icons. The comedic actor is credited with making the toothbrush moustache famous after adopting it in 1914, years before a certain despot rose to power in Nazi Germany.



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# 5 'staches we love

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**Lanny McDonald**

Growing up, we were all Winnipeg Jets fans, but most Canadian kids had a soft spot in their heart for Calgary Flames forward Lanny McDonald. Now there's a man who knows how to rock a bushy mustache.

**Tom Selleck and Burt Reynolds**

These two iconic moustachios sport very similar fur caterpillars on their top lips, and because they both rode their moustaches to fame around the same time period, it's hard for some people to tell them apart.



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**Salvador Dali**

The surrealist painter is as known for his handlebar 'stache as he is for the melting clocks in his world-renowned painting *The Persistence of Memory*. Dali had an eccentric manner that included not only his waxed, upturned moustache, but a long cape and walking stick.



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# Trading guns for cameras off target?

## Gun amnesty.

Triggers for shutters plan ruffles provincial hunting group

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A month-long police initiative offering a new digital camera to any Winnipegger who hands over a working firearm is a misfire, according to the president of the Manitoba Wildlife Federation.

"The gangbangers aren't turning in their sawed-off shot-guns or their stolen pistols that they bring in from the States," Reid Woods told Metro, following the launch of the force's Pixels for Pistols campaign. "And they're certainly not going to be turning them in now to get a free \$240 camera."

Winnipeg police have partnered with Henry's Photo to offer a Panasonic digital point-

### Making the trade

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and-shoot camera and store gift card, together worth about \$240, for every working gun turned in. For non-working or replica firearms, owners get a \$75 gift card.

As with previous gun amnesty programs, people who turn in guns will not be charged with possession and storage offences under The Firearms Act, but police say all firearms will be investigated for links to criminal offences.

Acting chief Devon Clunis said offering amnesty for people to turn in a gun they inherited without a licence eliminates the chance it will be stolen and used in violence.

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## Firefighters to grow a Mo in support of men's health

Winnipeg firefighter Dan Thomas gets a close shave by Modern Man hairstylist and barber Pierluigi Luciani at the launch of the Movember Winnipeg 2012 campaign Thursday. A team from the Winnipeg Fire Department is growing moustaches this month to raise money for and awareness of prostate cancer and men's mental health issues. Donations can be made at [ca.movember.com](http://ca.movember.com). BERNICE PONTANILLA/METRO

## Accusations. Insurance money used for road work?

Manitoba's NDP government denied accusations from the Opposition Tories on Thursday that it has ordered a Crown corporation to use insurance money to pay for road work. But the government did appear

to favour the idea.

"It's been developed by MPI (Manitoba Public Insurance)," said Andrew Swan, the minister responsible for MPI.

"If they can make a good business case for it and they

can show that targeted investments will reduce claims, reduce costs and help keep auto insurance affordable, this is certainly something I support."

Manitoba Opposition Leader Brian Pallister said motorists

already pay tax dollars for road work and don't want to see their insurance premiums used as well. He told reporters MPI could instead use any surpluses to reduce premiums.

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# Subway arteries bring N.Y.C. back to life



Chris Zaturowski siphons gasoline from his car to use for a generator at his home in Little Ferry, N.J., on Thursday. His home has been without power since Superstorm Sandy hit on Monday. MIKE GROLI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Problems remain.

Concerns rise for safety of elderly and the poor

New York City moved closer to resuming its frenetic pace by getting back its vital subways Thursday, three days after the superstorm. But neighbouring New Jersey was stunned by coastal devastation and the news of thousands of people

in one city still stranded by increasingly-fetid flood waters.

In New York, people streamed into the city as service began to resume on commuter trains and subways. Amtrak's Northeast Corridor — the busiest train line in the country — was to take commuters along the heavily-populated East Coast again, starting Friday.

But hundreds of people lined up for buses, traffic jammed for kilometres and long gas lines formed. The latest deaths

## On the surface

**"Manhattan is getting back to normal — at least, the parts most people notice."**

Alex Koppelman wrote on The New Yorker website Thursday.

reported included two young boys who disappeared Monday night when waves of water crashed into an SUV.

Hundreds of thousands in New York City alone were still without power, especially in downtown Manhattan. Concerns rose over the elderly and poor, who faced pitch-black hallways and dwindling food.

"Our problem is making sure they know that food is available," New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg said, as officials expressed concern about people hauling water from fire hydrants up dark flights of stairs. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Bloomberg can see it now. Obama is best man to fight climate change, mayor says

New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg on Thursday backed President Barack Obama over Republican Mitt Romney, saying the incumbent Democrat will bring leadership that is critically needed to fight climate change after the East Coast devastation wrought by Superstorm Sandy.

The endorsement from the politically-independent and popular third-term mayor was a major boost for Obama, who is spending the campaign's

final days trying to win over independent voters whose voices will be critical in determining who wins Tuesday's election.

Both candidates had eagerly sought the nod from Bloomberg, who didn't endorse a presidential candidate in 2008.

As New York continued to pick up the pieces after the superstorm devastated parts of the city this week, Bloomberg said Sandy had made the stakes of the election even clearer.

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# Prime minister calls treatment of Ashley Smith 'unacceptable'

**Smith inquest.** Liberal Leader Bob Rae calls out Conservatives on hypocrisy, 'dishonest' comments

Prime Minister Stephen Harper publicly criticized correctional authorities on Thursday for their handling of a disturbed teenager who choked to death in her cell five years ago, prompting opposition accusations of federal government dishonesty.

The issue reached the House of Commons following the screening of disturbing jailhouse video at an inquest into the death of Ashley Smith this week that shows guards duct-taping her and drugging her against her will.

"The Ashley Smith case is obviously a terrible tragedy," Harper said.

However, information has come to light that shows Corrections Canada's behaviour was "completely unacceptable," he told the House of Commons.

Outside the Commons, Liberal Leader Bob Rae accused the Conservative government of being "dishonest."

"This is a government that wanted to stop the showing of those videos," Rae said.

"This is a government that, every step of the way, attempted to keep Canadians from seeing what went on."

While federal lawyers lost a court battle to keep the videos under wraps, they are still fighting to limit the scope of the inquest, which would block scrutiny of what happened to Smith in prisons outside Ontario.

Harper said he would let "arguments between lawyers" play out without interference.

Smith choked to death as guards looked on in October 2007 at a prison in Kitchener, Ont. She had spent the past year of her life in segregation, shunted among prisons in five provinces.

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Ashley Smith is duct-taped to her seat on an airplane during a transfer from a Saskatoon prison on April 12, 2007. The protests of a now-dead teenager filled a courtroom Wednesday as surveillance videos were screened. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Police report

### No proof of wrongdoing

A Quebec police investigation into the drugging of teen inmate Ashley Smith at Joliette prison has found no evidence of wrongdoing.

Footage of the incidents, broadcast publicly for the first time Wednesday, shows staff in gas masks, helmets and hazmat-type suits pinning the shackled but docile woman to a gurney with a plastic riot shield while a nurse injects Smith with a heavy anti-psychotic five times in seven hours.

At one point, guards sit on Smith's legs while a nurse threatens the inmate with "bigger" injections "that will hurt more."

Staff, the report concluded, administered the injections in "the normal manner." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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## China. Refusing Nexen deal could cost Canada

Canada can expect a chilly reception and damaged relations with Beijing if the Harper government dents China's pride by refusing a \$15.1-billion bid for a piece of this country's oilpatch, observers say.

And other foreign investors will have occasion to pause if state-owned China National Offshore Oil Corp. is blocked in the friendly takeover of Calgary-based Nexen, they add.

Those investors would question Ottawa's commitment to open markets and the government would take political heat from all sides for once again not having a clear strategy for dealing with foreign takeovers.

Stock values among Can-

### Quoted

**"I don't know how you construct a narrative to explain saying no to this transaction."**

John Manley, head of the Canadian Council of Chief Executives and former Liberal industry minister

adian resource firms would almost certainly fall, some hard.

Under the Investment Canada Act, deals involving WTO member countries valued at more than \$330 million must be a "net benefit" to Canada. Just what constitutes a "net benefit" is unclear, but the prime minister has said clarifications are coming soon.

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# Pointing the finger: Scanner tracks employee absences

### Modern-day time card

Toronto law firm's use of biometric monitoring has staff up in arms

The days of sneaking out for three-hour lunch breaks will soon be over at a Toronto law firm after it decided to install fingerprint-scanning technology to monitor its employees' comings and goings.

Last month, McCague Borlack LLP announced plans for a revamped security system that will require staff (except lawyers who spend much of their time with clients) to clock in and out of the office with a finger swipe, keeping track of morning late-comers or those who try to jump-start their weekends by slipping out early on a Friday.

"Some people were abusing the system," said founding partner Howard Borlack, 58. "We had people taking two to three hours for lunch and we had no way of knowing.... Some people were complaining."

Other Toronto firms use



**Howard Borlack**, founding partner at McCague Borlack in Toronto, stands by a machine that scans part of a finger. The law firm will fingerprint support staff to track their work hours. VINCE TALOTTA/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

security passes and honour systems to keep track of time worked. McCague Borlack, which focuses mostly on insurance law and employs about 200 people, has gone a step further with a system that not only provides office access via fingerprint, but also records employees as they enter and leave.

Come mid-November, when the system is expected to go live, the office will be

equipped with finger-scanning machines that will keep a rolling record of the time spent in the office.

Carleton University law professor Michael MacNeil, who specializes in legal issues surrounding privacy and surveillance, said the fingerprinting system is just one example of the way workplaces are using technology to monitor and maximize productivity.

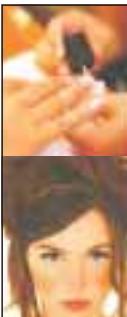
### Staff opposition

The plan has drawn outrage among a group of bloggers who identify themselves as McCague Borlack secretaries.

- On their "Finger Campaign" website, the group accuses the firm of ostracizing secretaries and copy-room staff. They called the system an "insult to our human dignity."
- "The indignant finger-printing program does not seek to address any security concerns at all," one post read. "It's for the 'mark 'em and track 'em' purpose exclusively."

But legislation has lagged behind the trend, he said, leaving more questions than answers over what constitutes an invasion of privacy in the workplace. "There's a lot of it going on," he said. "It's an area where the law is under-developed."

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### Retail sales

#### Storm spending may impact U.S. holiday sales

Americans spent briskly in October before Superstorm Sandy hit the Northeast at the tail-end of the month.

But analysts fear that many people who bought generators, bottled water

and other emergency and cleanup supplies will be less inclined to spend over the holidays.

Twenty-one retailers from club operator Costco to department store Macy's reported that October sales through last Saturday were up five per cent compared with the year-ago period, according to the International Council of Shopping Centers. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### Detroit

#### U.S. auto sales weather October

Most major automakers reported sales increases in October despite losing at least three days of business to Superstorm Sandy.

Toyota said its sales rose almost 16 per cent for the month, while Volkswagen reported another

strong month with sales up 22 per cent. Honda sales slowed from double-digit growth earlier in the year to 8.8 per cent, while Chrysler sales rose 10 per cent. General Motors was up five per cent and Ford rose slightly.

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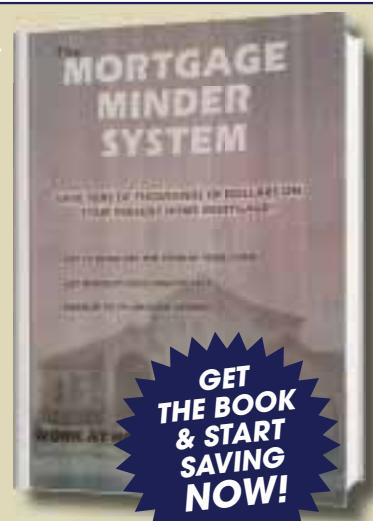
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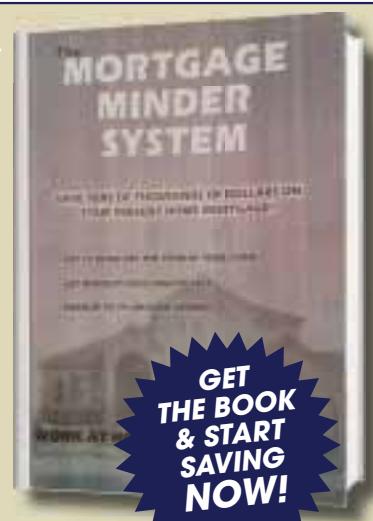
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## LET'S KEEP AIR CANADA OUT OF THIS ONE, HUH?



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**1** G-strings. Among businesses being reimbursed for losses incurred during 2010's G20 summit in Toronto is the Zanzibar strip club. Not only did the bar suffer damages from rioters, but they also experienced an unprecedented dip in revenue from the absence of politicos.

**2** Mile-high madness. Maygan Sensenberger wanted to be famous. Her journey began last August at age 22, when she married then-68-year-old Liberal Senator Rod Zimmer. One year later, almost to the day, during a flight to Saskatoon, a lovers' spat landed her in jail. She was charged with endangering the safety of an aircraft, uttering threats and causing a disturbance. Sensenberger says she still "plans to be big," but does not want to be known as the "crazy Air Canada lady." That's fair. Let's keep Air Canada out of this.

**3** Papa Can You Hear Me? Barbra Streisand began her Canadian tour last week to sold out crowds.

The show apparently begins with a video montage of Babs' childhood and early career to the tune of You'll Never Know, as Streisand emerges to a welcoming public. If you listen closely, you can hear at least one person saying, "\$1,000 a ticket, and I'm watching her home movies!"

**4** Space invaders. Austrian daredevil, Felix Baumgartner, stated in an interview that sending machines to Mars is pointless. He says our tax dollars could be spent more wisely, and that people should decide, "Are you willing to spend all this money to go to Mars?" Well, maybe not to go, but if I could send Bristol Palin and the cast of Jersey Shore, count me in.

**5** Who cares? Kim Kardashian wore a \$2,000 waist-length blond wig with her sexy mermaid costume for a Halloween party last week, and is now asking her more than 16 million Twitter followers if she should dye her hair for real. Perhaps the real question is why she even has 16 million followers? I'm thinking her time would be better spent trying to cultivate a talent of any kind.

**6** Adult ed. Twenty-six-year-old Canadian rapper, Drake, completed his high school diploma and dedicated it to his mom in a heartfelt speech. "I'll sleep a little better tonight knowing that I found a way to follow through." Congratulations buddy. Next stop: Harvard.

**7** Ball talk. NBA basketball is back with a new venue in Brooklyn, and improved Celtic and Laker teams to challenge 2012 juggernauts Miami and OKC. A great time for hockey fans to either become basketball fans, or start talking to their wives.

**8** Car-tunes. This week in 1969, the #1 song on the U.K. singles chart was Sugar, Sugar by The Archies. The song was co-written and co-sung by Canada's own Andy Kim. Sorry to disappoint those of you who thought it was actually sung by Archie, but he and Jughead were hungover.

**9** Hey soul sista. A homegrown R&B diva is emerging from our midst. Torontonians will see Andria Simone perform tracks from her debut CD, Nothing Comes Easy, at the Drake next week. But she'll be making the national rounds soon enough. You heard it here first.



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## It's a Hip replacement



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Their music at work

### ER doc is Ahead by a Century

Director Max Montalvo, right, in a Dodgers hat, Tragically Hip drummer Johnny Fay, wearing a sombrero, and guitarist Rob Baker, to the right of Fay, work with two actors in the foreground in the music video Looakahead, at Milagro Restaurant in Toronto in this photo taken at a recent filming.

Montalvo is a staff emergency doctor in Kingston, Ont., and in whatever free time he can carve out, he's a filmmaker, directing music videos by Sarah Harmer, Stripper's Union and, most recently, The Tragically Hip.

"I sometimes think that filming can be as exhausting and challenging as if you're working a busy string of shifts ... But as a friend of mine said one time: 'The difference is no one is clapping after you sew up their finger.'"

Max Montalvo  
Emergency room doctor, filmmaker

### Working two jobs is pretty Hip

Montalvo has been practising emergency medicine for a decade, while his filmmaking career took off more recently when he directed 2010's El Payo, a documentary about northern Ontario flamenco guitarist David Phillips, who died in 2002.

Montalvo met Tragically Hip guitarist Rob Baker through mutual friends and gradually developed a relationship with the rest of the band.

Still, it was a special joy for Montalvo to watch and shoot the recording sessions for the band's recently released disc, Now For Plan A. Determined not to use

the resulting footage for a typical promotional clip, Montalvo instead cut an arty, wry, black-and-white video that runs more than 11 minutes, includes almost no English and features a performance by Canadian metal outfit Kooznetz superimposed over images of the Hip recording.

The Hip loved the video and commissioned Montalvo to helm clips for two more songs. For the driving At Transformation, Montalvo created an oblique visual collage, while he took a different approach for Looakahead, released this week.

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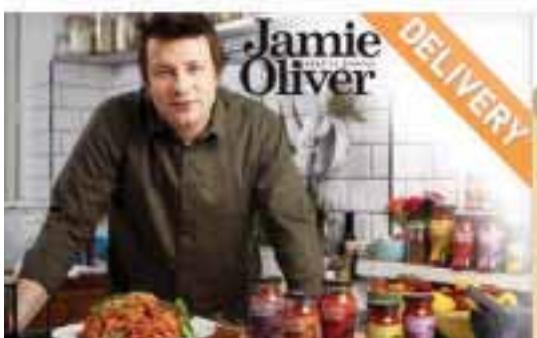
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Denzel Washington yet again takes on the role of a hero with a dark side in *Flight*. HANDBOUT

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# Flight crashes in its tale about addiction

**Uneven course.** Ned Ehrbar fills in for Mark Breslin and reviews *Flight*, a film that struggles to set a consistent tone

Richard: Ned, is there another A-list leading man who explores the dark sides of their characters as often as Washington? Will Smith and Tom Cruise will occasionally let the heroic side of their on-screen personas take a back seat, but Washington revels in mucking around in the mud. From *Training Day* to *American Gangster* and *Safe House*, he crafts complex characters you wouldn't want to sit next to on the bus. Do you think this is Oscar worthy?

Ned: As far as A-listers in love with the dark side, it's pretty much Washington and Leo DiCaprio. And Washington gets plenty murky here — so much so that it made me wonder if we'd be rooting for this character at all if it were played by someone else. Let's face it, the booze- and coke-addled pilot he plays here only has one attractive characteristic: Looking and sounding like Denzel Washington. As for Oscar-worthy, I'm not so sure.

RC: I thought he managed to subtly capture the ego and hubris that allows his hotshot character to present a sober face to the public, even though the film's visual language is frequently not as refined. A close-up of Washington's hand grasping a mini bottle of vodka and the accompanying swoosh

sound looks like something that should be in a commercial.

NE: The tone of the film in general seemed to be all over the place. Who knows, maybe the whole film was supposed to seem drunk? In any event, it didn't work for me. His hitting rock bottom is played for laughs, and Kelly Riley — as the recovering heroin addict he shacks up with for some reason — seems to be literally in a different movie for the first 30 minutes or so. And as movies about alcoholism go, it doesn't do *Flight* any favours to come out soon after the more nuanced *Smashed*.

RC: I think *Smashed* is a much more touching story about addiction. As much as I enjoyed Washington, I wish the movie had been more concise. It flits around a half-dozen themes be-

## Synopsis

Denzel Washington plays a troubled airline pilot who safely lands a malfunctioning plane, saving 96 of the 102 passengers and crew. Hailed as a hero at first, soon his unsavoury personal habits bring him under suspicion. Was the malfunction that brought the plane down of a mechanical or personal nature?

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fore the end.

NE: The movie left me cold. It starts great — with thrilling take-off and crash-landing sequences, but it's flat and uneven from then on.

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## Animated



## Wreck-It Ralph

Director: Rich Moore

Stars: John C. Reilly, Sarah Silverman

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Wreck-It Ralph, the bad guy of Fix-It Felix Jr. — the most popular game in the arcade — is suffering a midlife crisis. After 30 years of wrecking the video apartment building only to watch Felix (Jack McBrayer) take credit for fixing it, Ralph (Reilly) is in an existential funk. After an inspiring Bad Guys Anonymous meeting, Ralph quits Wreck-It Ralph for Hero's Duty in search of cred. It's a can-do story wrapped in a retro gallery of video games and characters. But without breathing room, it drags like a sugar downer in the third act.

ANNE BRODIE

## Action



## The Man With The Iron Fists

Director: RZA

Stars: Russell Crowe, Lucy Liu

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Coming from a die-hard kung fu fan and an ex-rapper, you really would expect nothing less from The Man with the Iron Fists, the directorial debut of the Wu-Tang Clans' RZA. The film is a great example of a contemporary martial arts movie. The movie follows the story of a lonely blacksmith (RZA) who unites with warriors and an assassin to destroy a group of traitors on a path of destruction. This film certainly isn't perfect, but it's fun, over-the-top and visually pleasing.

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## Drama



## The Paperboy

Director: Lee Daniels

Stars: Zac Efron, Nicole Kidman

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The Paperboy may be the long-awaited follow-up to the award-winning hit Precious but director Lee Daniels' shouldn't hold his breath for nominations this Oscar season. Set in 1969, this Southern melodrama explores two brothers investigating the questionably incarcerated hillbilly husband of an oversexed seductress (Kidman). While Daniels' cloaks the film in intolerance and tension, the rambling plot and overcalculated shocks simply antagonize its audience — especially an infamous scene involving Kidman peeing on Zac Efron's jellyfish sting.

STEVE GOW

# MGM's financial woes a blessing in disguise for Skyfall director

## Quoted

**"It's also true that in making a Bond movie, you have to rediscover your 13-year-old self."**

Skyfall director Sam Mendes

halt everything, if you remember, for something like nine months," Mendes explains. "But in that time, we worked on the script. I knew every scene intimately, and we kept working. We had two weeks of rehearsals, which is a relatively new thing for the Bond franchise. We had a read-through of the script, and (series producer) Barbara (Broccoli) said to me, 'It's the first read-through we've ever had of a Bond movie!'

Referencing classic Bond has to be handled carefully.

"I felt about the homage elements that you have to earn them. I think if you put them in at the wrong time, they're going to strike a false note," he says. "It's also true that in making a Bond movie, you have to rediscover your 13-year-old self."

Before Daniel Craig, the franchise had made a few wrong turns.

"The thing about Bond for me, watching the old movies, is that there was a point around Moonraker where it

lost some of its thriller roots and went into a sort of action-adventure, almost travelogue type of feeling," Mendes admits. "Bond the character became kind of the Sellotape that tied it all together. It was like, 'How can we get Bond from Rio to Venice and from Venice to a cable car?'

"Because these are the big sequences that we have to make work.' He almost from that moment on had no journey at all. I'm being unfair to some of the movies in between, but I felt like in Casino Royale, Bond was back at the centre of the movie," Mendes says.

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### Lawrence of Arabia (1962 and 1989)



The very definition of an epic. You'll see various running times out there, all of which flirt with the four-hour mark. But the 1989 reconstruction of David Lean's classic wound up being close to its original length of 216 minutes. Breathtaking in its scope and hugely influential with its gorgeously grand, sweeping vistas, it won seven Academy Awards, including best picture. There's a lot of ground to cover and Lawrence was a complicated guy. Besides, who wouldn't want to look at Peter O'Toole for that long?



### Apocalypse Now Redux (2001)

Ford Coppola added 49 minutes of never-before-seen footage and re-released it as a 197-minute director's cut, the version he always wanted the world to see. This includes more footage of the beach attack scene and the much-talked-about French plantation scene. While it's fascinating to see what Coppola deleted from the original film, he didn't always improve his master work, and at times, he weakened it. (We also could have included the first two Godfather movies here, which clock in at 175 minutes and 200 minutes, respectively, and deserve every second.)

# 5 movies that will clear your calendar

### Magnolia (1999)

I loved this movie when it came out, and I love it still, and the fact that it's over three hours long only magnifies the enormity of the emotions — the way Paul Thomas Anderson intertwines the various characters' lives and expertly times their highs and lows. It's big and beautiful, fluid and messy — a profound exploration of love and loneliness in the most prosaic of places, the San Fernando Valley. You could spend 188 minutes just sitting on the 101 freeway, trying to get from Studio City to Woodland Hills. This is far more compelling.



### Inland Empire (2006)

Back when I reviewed this, I wrote that it might be David Lynch's masterpiece, or it might be a total mess. What I was sure of was the fact that it changed my mood for the rest of the day — it stuck with me, messed with me — and I couldn't ignore that. While it features many of Lynch's

regular players (Laura Dern, Harry Dean Stanton, Justin Theroux) and his trademark disjointed, nightmarish visuals, it's also a defiantly plotless mixture of bunny rabbits, dark hallways and dancing prostitutes. That it runs 180 minutes adds to its hypnotic nature.

### Heat (1995)

Michael Mann's crime saga takes on an epic, operatic quality as it sprawls across 170 minutes and throughout Los Angeles. This will go down as Mann's masterpiece — although *The Insider*, which is also pretty damn long at 157 minutes, is also pretty great. Everything he does best is on display here: The stylized visuals, gritty violence and complex characters who occupy a murky moral area. Since we're keeping track of time, the coolly precise bank robbery that Robert De Niro, Val Kilmer and Tom Sizemore pull off, followed by that famous shootout in the heart of downtown, comes at the halfway point.



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## Legendary Child/ Aerosmith

The first single from *Music from Another Dimension*. The last Aerosmith album of new material was released seven months before the iPod 11 years ago.

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## I Shall Not Be Moved/Public Enemy

Two PE albums will appear on Tuesday: the physical edition of *Most of My Heroes Still Don't Appear on No Stamp* (already available digitally) and the brand new *The Evil Empire of Everything*.



## You Can't Fill My Shadow/ All That Remains

The sixth album from this Massachusetts metalcore outfit is called *A War You Cannot Win*. Can they maintain the momentum of their last two records?

## Amy Winehouse. Charity says late singer's dresses stolen from her home



Amy Winehouse. SIMONE JOYNER/GETTY IMAGES

Amy Winehouse's charity says two of the late singer's dresses — including her wedding dress — are missing and believed stolen from her former London home.

The Amy Winehouse Foundation said Thursday the dress Winehouse wore for her 2006 Miami wedding to Blake Fielder-Civil and a newsprint cocktail dress she wore during a British TV appearance are both missing. The presumed theft was discovered during an inventory.

The wedding dress was to have been auctioned off for the charity, established to help young people overcome addiction. The singer's father, Mitch Winehouse, told the *Evening Standard* it was "sickening that someone would steal something in the knowledge of its sentimental value."

Winehouse, the Grammy-winning Back to Black singer, died from alcohol poisoning in 2011, at the age of 27.

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## Kutcher, Moore remain separated but not divorced

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While several reports have suggested squabbling

over how to divide assets between the stars, the website reports that in fact there have been no discussions on the topic, argumentative or otherwise.

Kutcher and Moore were married for six years before separating.



Jamie Bell

## Bell finally ties the knot with Wood

It looks like those wedding rings Evan Rachel Wood and Jamie Bell were spotted wearing were for real, as the pair has tied the knot, a rep for Wood tells Us Weekly. The small ceremony took place in

California on Tuesday, with Wood wearing a gown by Carolina Herrera.

"I am so happy for Evan. She is a timeless beauty and her gown in Chantilly lace captures this perfectly," Herrera says.

## Ben Affleck forced to pass up prime gigs

Ben Affleck has learned the hard way that finding a balance between working and home life means turning down some interesting gigs — like directing episodes of Homeland, the critically acclaimed spy drama.

While giving a speech at the Artios Awards in L.A. recently, Affleck admitted

wife Jennifer Garner kept him from taking the job.

"I liked the show. I signed on. The guys were ready. I don't want to blame her, but my wife and I gave an agreement where when she works, I don't work and when I work, she doesn't work," he explains.

"She said, 'I have this movie, it's 10 weeks, it's in Atlanta.' I said, 'OK, forget it. I'm sure nothing will happen with it anyway.'"

The series went on to win several Emmy Awards, including best drama series.

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### The Word



Charlie Bewley

## Twilight co-star relates to Stewart's infidelity

Robert Pattinson seems to have forgiven Kristen Stewart for her infidelity scandal over the summer — and so have some of her other Twilight co-stars.

"Honestly, I used to cheat so much it would be very hypocritical of me to

pass judgment on Kristen," says Charlie Bewley, who plays Vulturi vampire Demetri in the last installment of the successful franchise. "I know what it's like to have an inflated libido. Probably why I'm not in a relationship right now."

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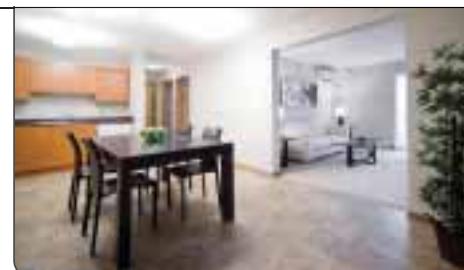
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### Comic Con is back

If you are walking around downtown this weekend and see R2D2, Captain America or even Jessica Rabbit, it's not that they are a weekend late in their Halloween celebrations, it's Comic Con! Many die-hard fans dress up as their favourite comic book hero, villain or sexy seductress. On the menu this year is Patrick Stewart, or should I say Captain Jean Luc Picard from Star Trek — we all knew that right? A day pass is \$15 and the full weekend pass is \$35. If you go, don't forget your sharpie and camera!

### Global Justice Film Festival

#### What do we want? Justice? When do we want it? Now!

What is the Global Justice Film Festival? It's a film fest put on by several different organizations and individuals who all have a better future in mind for the world we call home. Their objective is to inform, engage and share information about global peace and justice through films, music and various displays. This year, the U of W will be hosting the festival, which kicks off Friday. Visit [globaljusticefilmfestival.ca](http://globaljusticefilmfestival.ca). There is a free screening Friday night at 7 p.m. of the Tom Shadyac documentary titled *I AM*.



### It's happening at Hermano's

If you haven't been to Hermano's, which means brothers in Spanish, get there this weekend. This hoppin' South American-inspired steak house in the heart of downtown — 179 Bannatyne Ave. — was packed when I walked in and everyone was having a great time. When you go, try the sausage and pepper board, cachaca shrimp and the empanadas, all great for sharing. However, my fave of the night was the gaucho-sized 16 oz baby Cabrera, which is a rib eye that melts in your mouth. Call ahead at 204-947-5434.



### A must-see play

You have until Sunday to see *DAL* (*Enough*), a dramatic yet memorable play by Iris Bahr. This captivating one-woman show takes us into a café moments before a suicide bombing in the heart of Tel Aviv, Israel's second most populated city. Throughout the play, you will be mesmerized by 11 different characters, giving you the full spectrum of Israeli society as it stands today. Critical acclaim, sold out runs in New York, Edinburgh, London and stellar reviews are just a few reasons why you should go. Hosting this play is the Winnipeg Jewish Theatre, which is located at 123 Doncaster St.



### Look out for Disorderly Conduct

Stand-up comedian Jeff Dunham will be dishin' out his brand new *Disorderly Conduct* worldwide tour at the MTS Centre on Wednesday. If Dunham himself is not enough to convince you to go for a night out for laughs, then perhaps his sidekicks, who are apparently just as funny, will be. They include Walter the grump, Bubba J — the beer drinking redneck, Jose Jalapeno, a manic purple creature named Peanut and Achmed the Terrorist.



### MIX OF SIX

Meghan Duffy  
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### Attention all dancers

Better book off this Friday and Saturday and get down to the Gas Station Arts Centre for the Moving Inspirations Dance Festival. There you will see the best of African contemporary dance, ballet, flamenco, afro-jazz, hip-hop and even breakdancing. Of course, what would a dance fest be without actual dance classes? Well, they have those going on as well and some of the dance companies are from N.Y.C., T.O., Montreal and yes, the 'Peg! Dancers of all levels are encouraged to come and be inspired. For more info, call 204-946-0829.

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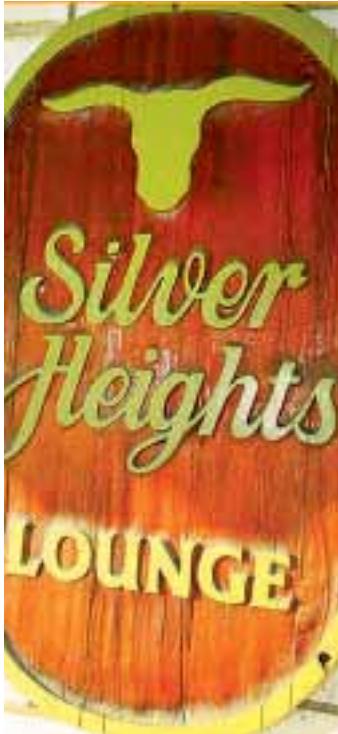
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Back in the 1950s, a Polish immigrant named Anthony Siwicki, along with three of his fellow cab drivers, opened a lunch counter near the end of the tramline, not far from the airport. From the outset, a commitment to wholesome food and friendly service made Silver Heights Restaurant a roaring success.

Siwicki bought out his partners in the 1960s and later added a lounge (now known as the Heights) and a dining room. His son, Jim, who grew up in the business, took over in the 1970s and now Silver Heights Restaurant is in the capable

hands of a third generation: Grandsons Tony and J.C. The commitment, though, remains unchanged.

"Every few years, we introduce new dishes, but the old favourites — prime rib, liver and onions, barbecued ribs, veal cutlets — are as popular as they've ever been," says Tony Siwicki.

The surrounding neighbourhood has changed dramatically — today, Winnipeg's central section stretches almost to Silver Heights Restaurant, and Portage Avenue is a busy stretch of the Trans-Canada Highway.

Redesign and renovation projects, including a recent facelift of the exterior, have enabled the restaurant to retain its friendly, comfortable atmosphere, and its close connection with the community.

"We sponsor dozens of minor hockey, baseball and soccer teams," says Tony Siwicki.

"So we have lots of families that come in for dinner regularly. And we have live music three nights a week in the lounge and people like to dance and have a good time."

Silver Heights Restaurant remains a great place to share a tasty meal with friends and family.

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Winnipeg, long known for perogies and deli food, is now home to a growing number of restaurants serving southern-style barbecue. Woody's Bar-B-Q, which opened its doors in September 2012, is leading the way and introducing Winnipeggers to a new set of flavours.

"Many of our clients were unfamiliar with what southern barbecue is all about," says owner Ron Kibbins. "So while our cooks have been busy preparing tasty meals, our waiters and waitresses have spent a lot of time explaining the uniqueness of a southern menu."

Barbecue is something of a way of life in the United States, particularly in Florida, Texas, Tennessee and the Carolinas. Although sauces and seasonings vary widely, southern barbecue is different from what most Canadians cook up in their backyards. Rather than hamburgers, hotdogs and steaks cooked over a



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grill, southern barbecue tends to involve smoke, slow cooking and lots of pork.

"Slow cooking with smoke creates a unique flavour throughout the meat," Kibbins says.

"No marinade or sauce in the world can match it."

Kibbins and his son, Jesse, who co-manages the restaurant, earned certifications from the Kansas City Barbecue

Society before opening Woody's. The kitchen features a large smoker that can accommodate 500 pounds (approximately 230 kilograms) of meat and maintain the low temperature needed for smoking. The menu features an array of authentic southern side dishes, such as green beans, okra and tomato, and deep-fried corn. Woody's barbecue beans, prepared daily with smoked pork and a secret sauce, has

## BARBECUE PRIMER

**ST. LOUIS RIBS:** Large cut of pork rib, basted, smoked, then finished on the grill produces tender meat to be chewed off the bone.

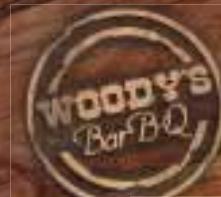
**BABY BACK RIBS:** Smaller cut of pork rib, smoked plain, baked in sauce and finished on grill produces meat that falls off the bone.

**BEEF BRISKET:** Dry rubbed, then smoked and slow-cooked overnight.

rapidly become a favourite.

Located near Pembina and Grant, Woody's Bar-B-Q seats approximately 120 in a casual, friendly and fun atmosphere. The first Woody's Bar-B-Q opened in Florida in 1980; today, there are dozens across the United States and five more in Canada.

"Good food is important to Winnipeg," Kibbins says. "I think that's why we have more restaurants per capita than any other city in the country. People here appreciate delicious food and we already have a large number of repeat customers."



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Cafe Asanté is thriving again, thanks to a new location, dedicated staff and flavourful food. About 18 months ago, renovations forced the popular lunch counter out of Lombard Concourse, where it had enjoyed a loyal clientele for nearly two decades.

"I was disappointed, but not discouraged," says owner Ram Gupta. "I soon found a place in Winnipeg Square and we've quickly acquired a reputation for tasty food, fast service and reasonable prices. Although we're relatively close to our old location, most of our clients are on short lunch breaks and don't have time to travel very far."

Gupta is quick to give credit for Cafe Asanté's ongoing success to his chef Josephina and other dedicated members of his staff. Open Monday-Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., the restaurant serves a broad selection of tasty breakfast and lunch items. All food is made fresh to order and there are lunch specials every day. Soups are particularly popular — all are homemade and the menu offers one vegetarian and two non-vegetarian

## TASTY SOUPS

Here are ingredients for two of Cafe Asanté's most popular soups:

**TURKEY AND RICE SOUP:** Chicken stock, wild rice, green onion, potato, carrots, celery, bay leaf, parsley garnish, salt and pepper.

**CHICKEN CORN CHOWDER:** Sauté onion in oil, chicken stock, shredded carrot, skim milk, red pepper, corn, oregano, corn starch (dissolved in water).

choices each day.

The restaurant's menu features an eclectic mix of cuisines and cultures: Butter chicken, tandoori, tikka wrap and curried chicken with basmati rice from Asia; dal roti from the Caribbean; and quesadilla, stews, and premium wraps from North America. Originally established in the 1990s by a native of Kenya, (asante is Swahili for thank you), Indian-born Gupta took ownership eight years ago. He remains faithful to the original formula: Serve dishes made only from the freshest of ingredients in a friendly, comfortable environment.



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### Thursday

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### Friday

**Taco Salad**

# 4 SPORTS



## Bombers vowing not to sack Mack, Burke

**Stagerville.** CFL club removes Tim Burke's interim tag while still backing embattled executive Joe Mack

The Winnipeg Blue Bombers are giving their current general manager and head coach the chance to turn the CFL team's fortunes around.

The Bombers announced Thursday that they are sticking with general manager Joe Mack and are removing the interim tag from head coach Tim Burke's title.

Team president Garth Buchko says Winnipeg's 5-12 record going into Saturday's season

### Quoted

**"I am just not ready to dismantle this organization and start over from scratch."**

Blue Bombers president Garth Buchko explains his decision against a staff shakeup for his struggling team after compiling a dismal 5-12 record so far this season

finale against Montreal isn't acceptable. But he says it looks like they have the building blocks in place for success.

"In business as in sports, success comes when you have stability in the leadership position," said Buchko. "Joe Mack, Tim Burke have the respect and confidence of their players and staff."

Burke is the fifth head coach to lead the Bombers since 2005. Paul LaPolice, who started this

season after leading them to the Grey Cup last year, lost his job when they managed just two wins in their first eight games.

Mack was already under contract next year but there has been mounting fan anger over some of his moves. The Bombers dressed 19 rookies this season and many fans complained veterans were released without a solid plan to replace them. Disgruntled fans started a "sack

Joe Mack" move online.

But Buchko and Mack point out that some of those rookies are top performers — like leading receiver Chris Matthews and tailback Chad Simpson.

All agree that for the Bombers to improve, they must tackle the big question of quarterback.

Burke and Mack like Buck Pierce, but he missed more than half the season with injuries after missing most of the 2010 campaign for the same reason.

Mack says they have to sit down with Pierce and their medical people and talk about his future.

Backup Alex Brink will start Saturday against Montreal.

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### MLB

#### Police say former Expos pitcher Perez slain in robbery

Pascual Perez, who had a troubled 11-season major-league career that included two suspensions for drug use, was killed at his home in the Dominican Republic in an apparent robbery, police said Thursday.

Perez was found with a severe head wound in a town west of the capital, Santo Domingo, and there was evidence at the scene to suggest that whoever killed him had been searching for money, said Joel Valdemiro, a prosecutor involved in the investigation.

No one was in custody and authorities did not reveal whether they had any suspects.

The 55-year-old Perez played for the Expos from 1987-89. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



### After Sandy

#### N.Y.C. mayor stands by race

New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg says Sunday's marathon won't divert resources from victims of Superstorm Sandy's devastation.

Bloomberg responded to criticism of his decision to hold the race at a news briefing Thursday. He notes that electricity is expected to be back on in downtown Manhattan by Sunday, freeing up an "enormous number of police." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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## CFL. Owens sets record as Argos oust Ticats

Chad Owens broke the CFL's single-season all-purpose yards record but it was Swazye Waters' 51-yard field goal on the game's final play that earned the short-handed Toronto Argonauts a wild 43-40 win over Hamilton on Thursday night and eliminated the Tiger-Cats from playoff contention.

Toronto (9-9) rested 10 starters — including quarterback Ricky Ray — and linebacker Brandon Isaac served a one-game suspension for an illegal hit last weekend against Saskatchewan's Darian Durant.

But that didn't deter the Argo subs, who took control early by surging to a stunning 20-3 first-quarter advantage before rallying before a season-best Rogers Centre gathering of 27,283.

The Ticats (6-12) played all of their regulars, and with good reason: They desperately needed the win to keep their slim playoff hopes alive. But Hamilton continually shot itself in the foot against the Argos B-team — which played veteran Jarius Jackson and rookies Trevor Harris and Zach Collaros at quarterback in the contest, with Collaros' 13-yard TD pass to Sammy Tranks putting the home team ahead 37-26 at 3:38 of the fourth.

Burris pulled Hamilton to within 40-33 with 2:47 remaining with a three-yard TD strike to Avon Cobourne. After two incompletions that took just 26 seconds by Collaros, the Ticats got the ball at the Toronto 39-yard following a 35-yard punt return by Chris Williams with 2:15 to play.

Burris and Williams then hooked up on a five-yard touchdown pass — Burris's fourth of the night, giving him a career-high 43 this season — that tied the score 40-40 with 1:10 remaining.

But Collaros took over at the Toronto 42 with a minute remaining and marched the Argos to the Hamilton 44 to set up Waters' winning boot.

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Chad Owens rushes down the field on Thursday night in Toronto.

STEVE RUSSELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

# Will change do Bombers good?

Final season at Canad Inns took swagger out of Winnipeg club; Stampeders quarterback spot no longer up for grabs; Tillman's trade taking its toll

Photos by Torstar News Service/The Canadian Press/Metro



### CFL EXTRA POINTS

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### Trading places: Bombers leave old barn

As this dismal season winds down for the Bombers, one has to hope their demons will be exorcised with the demolition of Canad Inns Stadium. While it has housed many great Bombers teams since the 1950s, no club is more in need of a change of scenery than the Blue and Gold.



### Pivotal chance for Als backup

With first place locked up, the Als will start backup QB Adrian McPherson to close out the regular season in Winnipeg on Saturday. McPherson completed only two of five passes this season, but if the 29-year-old wants to one day assume 40-year-old Anthony Calvillo's starting job, he had better start showing his potential. No better time to start than this weekend.



### Full marks for Riders in 2012

No matter where the Riders finish this season, the year has been a success under first-year head coach Corey Chamblin. The Riders need a win in Vancouver to finish above .500, but coming off a 5-13 campaign in 2011, a return to the playoffs is an achievement no matter what happens in November.

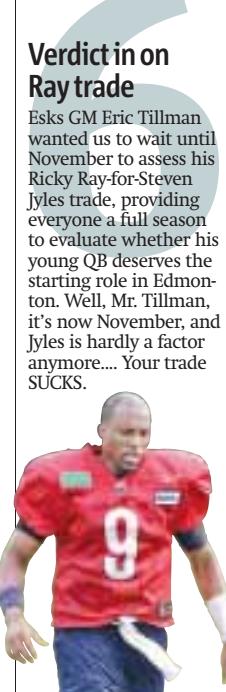
### It's Glenn's team from here on in

Stamps QB Drew Tate looked fine in his return from shoulder surgery last week, but this is now Kevin Glenn's team. The veteran QB saved the Stamps' season, passed for more than 4,000 yards, and piloted the CFL's most complete offence into a home playoff date Nov. 11.



### Lions should bring best vs. Saskatchewan

The Lions remain the CFL's top team heading into the final week of the season, despite the beat-down in Cowtown last week. No team wants to limp into the playoffs, so expect a more complete effort in their regular-season wrap-up against the Riders.



### Verdict in on Ray trade

Eskimos GM Eric Tillman wanted us to wait until November to assess his Ricky Ray-for-Steve Jyles trade, providing everyone a full season to evaluate whether his young QB deserves the starting role in Edmonton. Well, Mr. Tillman, it's now November, and Jyles is hardly a factor anymore.... Your trade SUCKS.



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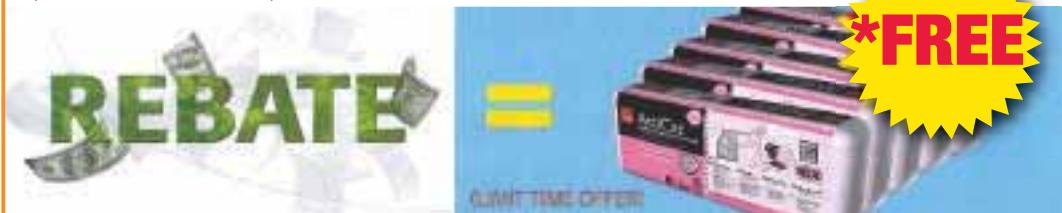
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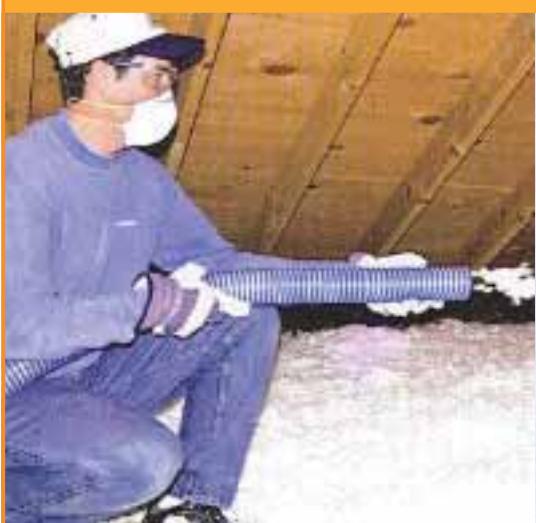
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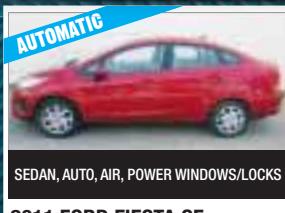
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